

	ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF RACING Policy and Procedure	
	Subject Cancellation of Horse Races	Policy Number 04-007
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Supersedes: All Department of Racing's prior cancellation of horse races policies and procedures.		

PURPOSE

This policy sets forth guidelines for determining the temporary suspension or cancellation of horse races or race card because of track conditions, inclement weather, or other situations that may impair the safety of jockeys, horses, and other participants.

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona administrative procedure act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under Arizona Revised Statutes section 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

PROCEDURE

1. When a problem is identified, either before racing begins, or during the race day, information shall be provided to the Chief Steward by the permittee's general manager, a jockeys' representative or horsemen's group. Racing shall be immediately suspended pending review of the situation.
2. If necessary, weather conditions should be provided or verified by an appropriate meteorological authority.
3. A meeting should be convened for all participants or their representatives to review the situation.

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4. If the condition of the track is at issue, the general manager should have an opportunity to repair that which is a concern prior to a final determination.
5. If the condition of the track is at issue, the track shall be evaluated by all participants or their representatives.
6. If a majority of each group of participants is in agreement that the condition has been corrected to their satisfaction, racing shall proceed.
7. If a majority of each group of participants is not satisfied, the permittee shall have another opportunity to correct the problem.
8. All participants or their representatives should be provided an opportunity to express opinions and concerns throughout the evaluation and correction process.
9. No repercussions should be imposed against any participant who expresses an opinion to the contrary of the majority opinion.
10. If there is substantial disagreement among all the groups' participants, the Chief Steward and track management shall consult with the Director prior to making a final determination.
11. If a race or race card is cancelled, the track may continue providing other pari-mutuel programs; i.e. simulcasting from other tracks and teletracking to Arizona off-track betting sites.
12. The cancellation decision will be made as early in the day as possible in order to accommodate the timing of medication and the track's preparation for events.
13. The stewards shall have the final authority in all determinations.



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